1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7.	Karnataka	24915	19407	13880	48981	
8.	Kerala	4685	13500	15071	5841	
9.	Maharashtra	24897	21542	251878	130250	
10.	Madhya Pradesh	86858	20650	103642	247586	
11.	Meghalaya	776	155	311	194	
12.	Orissa	87199	20398	81878	109243	
13.	Tamil Nadu	38494	80795	14394	46775	
14.	Tripura	NIL	NIL	306	NIL	
15.	West Bengal	37598	41037	59160	112887	
16.	A & N Islands	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
17.	Pondicherry	299	1495	NIL	NIL	
	Total	606481	809441	826211	1284609	

* Data for 1996-97 not available.

[Translation]

Superior Varieties of Seeds

5862. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Scientists are able to develop only those superior varieties of seeds which have already been developed by the advanced countries;

(b) whether Indian Scientists have failed to make any breakthrough in developing those seeds which have not been produced by the foreign countries like grams; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Indian scientists have made several breakthroughs in developing a large number of improved high yielding varieties and hybrids of different crops alongwith appropriate production and protection technologies for different agro-climatic conditions and situations in the country. In gram, a number of improved varities like Pusa 256, JG 74, PBG-1, Phule G-5, Pusa 372, GNG 663, KWR 108, etc. have been developed and released with yield potential of more than 2.0 to 2.5 t/ha.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Drugs Price Control Order

5863. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Organisation of Chemicals and Druggists has submitted a memorandum a few years ago to amend the Drugs Price Control Order for printing the maximum retail price inclusive all taxes on medicines in place of 'retail price plus local taxes extra';

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) In January, 1997 AIOCD represented that DPCO'95 be amended so as to allow printing of "The Maximum Retail Price inclusive of all taxes" in place of "retail price plus local taxes extra".

(b) The reason advanced was that medicines would be available at same price throughout the country.

(c) Since tax structure varies from State to State it has not been possible to accede to the request of AIOCD at present.